



Caltrans District 5

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District 5 covers five counties along California's Central Coast: Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz.

TRUCKING

Primary North-South Routes

US 101, SR-1, SR-154, SR-227, SR-135, SR-33, SR-25, SR-152, SR-9, SR-35, SR-236, SR-217, SR-225, SR-192

Primary East-West Routes

SR-166, SR-58, SR-46, SR-41, SR-68, SR-246, SR-144, SR-198 SR-129

State Routes 1 and 68 (the Monterey-Salinas Highway) provide the primary ground access to the Monterey Peninsula Airport for both people and freight.

Caltrans Office of Truck Services website provides information on: Truck Routes, Truck Stops, Roadside Rest Areas, Truck Traffic Data, Weigh In Motion, Truck Scales and other topics pertaining to truck and commercial vehicle operations.

Key Warehousing and Distribution Centers

Santa Maria, Santa Barbara County: Industrial commercial areas of Blosser and Betteravia Roads; products arrive from the farms or is manufactured and uses either SR 166 or Betteravia Road to access US 101.

Salinas, Monterey County: Distribution occurs from farms, greenhouses and various manufacturing.

Watsonville, Santa Cruz County: Distribution shares geography with manufacturing and agricultural processing and dominates south Watsonville largely concentrating along SR 129 and SR 1.

RAIL LINES

Class I Railroads: The Union Pacific (UP) railroad has a line that runs north and south along the coast through District 5 and connects with their mainline trackage in the Los Angeles Basin and points east. Track is able to serve the Ports of Oakland and Los Angeles / Long Beach. Freight on this route is generally carload traffic rather than the intermodal variety. This rail route serves import and export traffic in California, Oregon, and Washington.

Several branch lines, including the Hollister Spur, Lompoc Spur, and Santa Cruz Branch Line, serve freight rail; speed limit is limited to 20 mph due to deteriorated rail.

Short Line Freight Railroads

Santa Maria Valley Railroad is a 14-mile system of private line that connects to the Union Pacific Railroad in Guadalupe. The east-west spur connects to central Santa Maria while two north-south spurs serve Betteravia and the Santa Maria Airport area respectively.

AIR CARGO AIRPORTS

In 2010 the following three airports carried the most metric tonnes of cargo within the district:

- Santa Barbara (SBA) – 1,964
- San Luis Obispo (SBP) – 1,211
- Monterey Peninsula (MRY) – 511

SEAPORTS

None

Freight Planning Fact Sheet

